

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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DAWNE LULEFF, On Behalf of herself and)
all others similarly situated)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
)
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. and) Civil Action No. 06-cv-01435-JGK
BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION)
Defendants.)
DOUGLAS WAYNE MARTINEZ,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
)
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. and) Civil Action No. 08-cv-04964-JGK
BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION)
Defendants.)

)

**DECLARATION OF DAVID A.P. BROWER IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF
MARTINEZ'S MOTION FOR CONSOLIDATION**

1. I am over 18 years of age and am competent to testify to the matters and facts hereinafter set forth. I am a principal of the law firm of Brower Piven, A Professional Corporation ("Brower Piven").

2. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the Waiver of Service of Summons in *Martinez v. Bank of America, N.A. et al.*, 08-cv-4964, signed by Sharon L. Rusnak, as Counsel for Defendants, on July 9, 2008, and received by U.S. Mail at Brower Piven on July 11, 2008.

3. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of a letter sent by hand to the Honorable John G. Koeltl from David A.P. Brower, dated May 30, 2008.

4. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of an email sent by Eric C. Love on May 30, 2008 to all Counsel of Record in *Luleff v. Bank of America, N.A. et al.*, 06-cv-1435.

5. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of an email sent by Sharon L. Rusnak to David A.P. Brower, *et al.*, on June 11, 2008.

6. Attached hereto as Exhibit E are true and correct copies of a letter and an email from Eric C. Love to Sharon L. Rusnak, dated July 1, 2008, and the Waiver of Service of Summons enclosed in both.

7. Attached hereto as Exhibit F is a true and correct copy of Revised Stipulation and pretrial Order No. 1 Consolidating Actions in *Paul Bellikoff v. Eaton Vance Corp., et al.*, No. 1:04-cv-1144 (JGK) (S.D.N.Y Apr. 27, 2004).

I declare, upon penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

DATED: July 11, 2008

/s/ *David A.P. Brower*
DAVID A.P. BROWER

EXHIBIT A

Waiver of Service of Summons

David A.P. Brower, Brower Piven, A Professional Corporation, counsel for Plaintiff DOUGLAS WAYNE MARTINEZ

I, Sharon L. Rusnak, acknowledge receipt of your request that I, as counsel for defendants BANK OF AMERICA, N.A and BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION, waive service of a summons in the action of *Martinez v. Bank of America, N.A. et al.*, which is case number 08-cv-4964 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

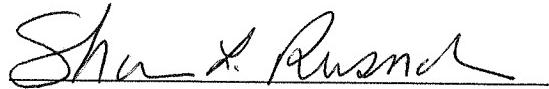
I have also received a copy of the complaint in the action, two copies of this instrument, and a means by which I can return the signed waiver to you without cost to me.

I agree to save the cost of service of a summons and an additional copy of the complaint in this lawsuit by not requiring that I (or the entity on whose behalf I am acting) be served with judicial process in the manner provided by Rule 4.

I (or the entity on whose behalf I am acting) will retain all defenses or objections to the lawsuit or to the jurisdiction or venue of the court except for objections based on a defect in the summons or in the service of the summons.

I understand that a judgment may be entered against my clients, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A and BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION, if an answer or motion under Rule 12 is not served upon you within 60 days after July 1, 2008.

July 9, 2008
Date


Signature

Sharon L. Rusnak
As Counsel for Defendants

Duty to Avoid Unnecessary Costs of Service of Summons

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It is not good cause for a failure to waive service that a party believes that the complaint is unfounded or that the action has been brought in an improper place or in a court that lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter of the action or even its person or property. A party who waives service of the summons retains all defenses and objections (except any relating to the summons or to the service of the summons), and may later object to the jurisdiction of the court or to the place where the action has been brought.

A defendant who waives service must within the time specified on the waiver form serve on the plaintiff's attorney (or unrepresented plaintiff) a response to the complaint and must also file a signed copy of the response with the court. If the answer or motion is not served within this time, a default judgment may be taken against the defendant. By waiving service, a defendant is allowed more time to answer than if the summons has been actually served when the request for waiver of service was received.

EXHIBIT B

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May 30, 2008

BY HAND

Hon. John G. Koeltl
United States District Judge
Daniel Patrick Moynihan
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl St., Room 1030
New York, New York 10007

Re: *Luleff v. Bank of America, N.A. et al.*, 06-cv-01435 (JGK)
Martinez v. Bank of America, N.A. et al., 08-cv-4964

Dear Judge Koeltl:

Enclosed please find a courtesy copy of the complaint in the action, *Martinez v. Bank of America, N.A. et al.*, 08-cv-4964, filed yesterday, May 29, 2008, in this Court. Plaintiff Martinez designated this action as related to *Luleff v. Bank of America, N.A. et al.*, 06-cv-01435 (JGK), which is pending before Your Honor. Plaintiff Martinez will also shortly file a motion seeking consolidation of the two above-referenced actions as they allege substantially identical claims against the same defendants on behalf of a virtually identical plaintiff class.

Should the Court have any questions, we stand ready to respond.

Respectfully,



David A.P. Brower

cc: All Counsel of Record in
Luleff v. Bank of America, N.A. et al.,
06-cv-01435 (JGK) (w/encl.)
(Via U.S. Mail and email)

EXHIBIT C

From: Eric Love

Sent: Friday, May 30, 2008 2:25 PM

To: 'cobrinik@juno.com'; 'amessite@reedsmith.com'; 'srusnak@reedsmith.com'; 'mswinograd@wlrk.com'

Subject: Luleff v. Bank of America, N.A. et al., 06-cv-01435 (JGK) and Martinez v. Bank of America, N.A. et al., 08-cv-4964

Dear Counsel,

Please find attached copies of a letter and its enclosure delivered by hand to the Honorable John G. Koeltl today, May 30, 2008.

Sincerely,

Eric C. Love

Legal Assistant

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EXHIBIT D

From: Rusnak, Sharon L. [mailto:SRusnak@ReedSmith.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2008 4:46 PM
To: Eric Love; David A.P. Brower
Cc: Hackett, Mary J.
Subject: Martinez v. Bank of America, N.A. et al., 08-cv-4964

David,

As we discussed, Bank of America, N.A. and Bank of America Corporation will waive service pursuant to the terms of Rule 4(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Accordingly, Defendants will have 60 days from receipt of the waiver papers to plead or otherwise respond to the Complaint. The waiver of service shall not in any way constitute a waiver of any defense or objection Defendants may assert under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Please send the papers to my attention at the address below. Thanks very much.

Sharon

Sharon L. Rusnak
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July 1, 2008

Sharon L. Rusnak
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Re: *Martinez v. Bank of America, N.A. et al.*, 08-cv-4964 (S.D.N.Y.)

Dear Ms. Rusnak:

In accordance with your email of June 11, 2008, enclosed please find a Waiver of Service of Summons prepared pursuant to Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and a copy of the complaint in the above captioned action. Please have the signed Waiver returned to our office in the envelope provided. Thank you for your courtesies in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Eric C. Love
Legal Assistant/Not Admitted

Waiver of Service of Summons

David A.P. Brower, Brower Piven, A Professional Corporation, counsel for Plaintiff DOUGLAS WAYNE MARTINEZ

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From: Eric Love
Sent: Tuesday, July 01, 2008 5:51 PM
To: SRusnak@ReedSmith.com
Cc: David A.P. Brower
Subject: Martinez v. Bank of America, N.A. et al., 08-cv-4964

Dear Ms. Rusnak,

Please find attached copies of a letter and its enclosure mailed today July 1, 2008. I apologize for any delay in providing these documents.

Sincerely,

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EXHIBIT F

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Koeltz, J
PAUL BELLIKOFF, Individually and On Behalf
Of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

EATON VANCE CORP., EATON VANCE
MANAGEMENT, BOSTON MANAGEMENT
AND RESEARCH, LLOYD GEORGE
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT (B.V.I.)
LIMITED, LLOYD GEORGE INVESTMENT
MANAGEMENT (BERMUDA) LIMITED,
ORBIMED ADVISORS LLC, JESSICA M.
BIBLIOWICZ, JAMES B. HAWKES, SAMUEL
L. HAYES, III, WILLIAM H. PARK, RONALD
A. PEARLMAN, NORTON H. REAMER, LYNN
A. STOUT, and JOHN DOES 1-100,

Defendants,

EATON VANCE TAX-MANAGED GROWTH
FUND 1.2, EATON VANCE TAX-MANAGED
GROWTH FUND 1.1, EATON VANCE TAX-
MANAGED GROWTH FUND 1.0, EATON
VANCE TAX-MANAGED DIVIDEND INCOME
FUND, EATON VANCE TAX-MANAGED
EQUITY ASSET ALLOCATION FUND,
EATON VANCE TAX-MANAGED
INTERNATIONAL GROWTH FUND, EATON
VANCE TAX-MANAGED MID-CAP CORE
FUND, EATON VANCE TAX-MANAGED

Civil Action No. 1:04CV1144 (JGK)

Related Actions:

1:04CV1617 (JGK)
1:04CV1690 (JGK)
1:04CV1759 (JGK)
1:04CV2784 (UA)

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REVISED STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED] PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 1
CONSOLIDATING THE ACTIONS

MULTI-CAP OPPORTUNITY FUND, EATON VANCE TAX-MANAGED SMALL-CAP GROWTH FUND 1.2, EATON VANCE TAX-MANAGED SMALL-CAP GROWTH FUND 1.1, EATON VANCE TAX-MANAGED SMALL-CAP VALUE FUND, EATON VANCE TAX-MANAGED VALUE FUND, EATON VANCE BALANCED FUND, EATON VANCE GROWTH FUND, EATON VANCE LARGE-CAP CORE FUND, EATON VANCE ATLANTA CAP LARGE-CAP GROWTH FUND, EATON VANCE LARGE-CAP VALUE FUND, EATON VANCE ATLANTA CAP SMALL-CAP FUND, EATON VANCE SMALL-CAP GROWTH FUND, EATON VANCE SMALL-CAP VALUE FUND, EATON VANCE SPECIAL EQUITIES FUND, EATON VANCE UTILITIES FUND, EATON VANCE ASIAN SMALL COMPANIES FUND, EATON VANCE EMERGING MARKETS FUND, EATON VANCE GREATER CHINA GROWTH FUND, EATON VANCE GREATER INDIA FUND, EATON VANCE GLOBAL GROWTH FUND, EATON VANCE WORLDWIDE HEALTH SCIENCE FUND, EATON VANCE ADVISERS SENIOR FLOATING-RATE FUND, EATON VANCE ATLANTA CAPITAL INTERMEDIATE BOND FUND, EATON VANCE CLASSIC SENIOR FLOATING-RATE FUND, EATON VANCE FLOATING-RATE FUND, EATON VANCE FLOATING-RATE HIGH INCOME FUND, EATON VANCE GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS FUND, EATON VANCE HIGH INCOME FUND, EATON VANCE INCOME FUND OF BOSTON, EATON VANCE INSTITUTIONAL SENIOR FLOATING-RATE FUND, EATON VANCE LOW DURATION FUND, EATON VANCE PRIME RATE RESERVES, EATON VANCE STRATEGIC INCOME FUND, EATON VANCE HIGH YIELD MUNICIPALS FUND, EATON VANCE MUNICIPAL BOND FUND, EATON VANCE NATIONAL LIMITED MATURITY

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NATIONAL MUNICIPALS FUND, EATON
VANCE ALABAMA MUNICIPALS FUND,
EATON VANCE ARIZONA MUNICIPALS
FUND, EATON VANCE ARKANSAS
MUNICIPALS FUND, EATON VANCE
CALIFORNIA LIMITED MATURITY
MUNICIPALS FUND, EATON VANCE
CALIFORNIA MUNICIPALS FUND, EATON
VANCE COLORADO MUNICIPALS FUND,
EATON VANCE CONNECTICUT
MUNICIPALS FUND, EATON VANCE
FLORIDA INSURED MUNICIPALS FUND,
EATON VANCE FLORIDA LIMITED
MATURITY MUNICIPALS FUND, EATON
VANCE FLORIDA MUNICIPALS FUND,
EATON VANCE GEORGIA MUNICIPALS
FUND, EATON VANCE HAWAII
MUNICIPALS FUND, EATON VANCE
KANSAS MUNICIPALS FUND, EATON
VANCE KENTUCKY MUNICIPALS FUND,
EATON VANCE LOUISIANA MUNICIPALS
FUND, EATON VANCE MARYLAND
MUNICIPALS FUND, EATON VANCE
MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPALS FUND,
EATON VANCE MASSACHUSETTS LIMITED
MATURITY MUNICIPALS FUND, EATON
VANCE MICHIGAN MUNICIPALS FUND,
EATON VANCE MINNESOTA MUNICIPALS
FUND, EATON VANCE MISSISSIPPI
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MISSOURI MUNICIPALS FUND, EATON
VANCE NEW JERSEY LIMITED MATURITY
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JERSEY MUNICIPALS FUND, EATON VANCE
NEW YORK LIMITED MATURITY
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YORK MUNICIPALS FUND, EATON VANCE
NORTH CAROLINA MUNICIPALS FUND,
EATON VANCE OHIO LIMITED MATURITY
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VANCE PENNSYLVANIA LIMITED
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VANCE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALS
FUND, EATON VANCE RHODE ISLAND
MUNICIPALS FUND, EATON VANCE SOUTH
CAROLINA MUNICIPALS FUND, EATON
VANCE TENNESSEE MUNICIPALS FUND,
EATON VANCE VIRGINIA MUNICIPALS
FUND, EATON VANCE WEST VIRGINIA
MUNICIPALS FUND (collectively, the "Eaton
Vance Funds"),

Nominal Defendants.

WHEREAS, the five above-referenced actions (the "Actions") allege violations of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Investment Company Act"), the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the "Investment Advisers Act") and breaches of fiduciary duties and aiding and abetting breaches of fiduciary duties;

WHEREAS, the plaintiffs in the Actions, through their undersigned counsel, hereby stipulate that consolidation of the Actions is appropriate pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a);

WHEREAS, counsel for the plaintiffs have also conferred with counsel for those defendants who have entered appearances in the Actions and such defendants have no objection to the consolidation of the Actions pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a);

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COURT ORDERS as follows:

I. CONSOLIDATION OF NEWLY-FILED OR TRANSFERRED ACTIONS

When a case that arises out of the same operative facts and alleges a violation of the Investment Company Act, the Investment Advisers Act, breaches of fiduciary duty or aiding and abetting breaches of fiduciary duty and is brought against the same defendants is hereinafter filed in or transferred to this Court, it shall be consolidated with these Actions pursuant to Fed. R. Civ.

P. 42(a). They shall be consolidated into the first-filed Action, *Paul Bellikoff v. Eaton Vance Corp., et al.*, Master File No. 04-cv-1144 (JGK).

II. CAPTION OF CASES

Every pleading filed in these Actions shall bear the following caption:

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re EATON VANCE MUTUAL FUND'S FEE LITIGATION)	MASTER FILE: 04-cv-1144 (JGK)
)	

When a pleading or other court paper filed in these Actions is intended to apply to all actions therein, the words "All Actions" shall appear immediately after the words "THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:" in the caption set out above. When a pleading or other court paper is intended to be applicable to less than all such actions, the party filing the document shall indicate, immediately after the words "THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:" the action(s) to which the document is intended to be applicable by last name of the plaintiff(s) and the docket number(s).

III. MASTER DOCKET

A Master Docket is hereby established for the Action, including actions subsequently consolidated herein pursuant to this Order. Entries in said Master Docket shall be applicable to the Action, and entries shall be made therein in accordance with the regular procedures of the Clerk of this Court, except as modified by this Order.

When a pleading is filed and the caption, pursuant to this Order, shows that it is applicable to "All Actions," the Clerk shall file such pleading in the Master File and note such filing in the Master Docket. No further copies need be filed nor other docket entries made.

When a paper is filed and the caption shows that it is applicable to fewer than All Actions, the Clerk shall file the original of the paper in the Master File and a copy in the file of each separate action to which it applies and shall note such filing in the Master Docket and in the docket of each separate action. The party filing such paper shall supply the Clerk with sufficient copies of any such paper to permit compliance with this paragraph.

IV. MASTER FILE AND SUBSEQUENT ACTION FILES

A Master File is hereby established for this proceeding in the Action. The Master File shall be Civil Action No. 04-cv-1144 (JGK). The original of this Order shall be filed by the Clerk in the Master File herein established. The Clerk shall maintain a separate file for each of the subsequently-filed actions and filings shall be made in accordance with the regular procedures of the Clerk of the Court, except as modified by this Order. The Clerk shall file a copy of this Order in each such separate file. The Clerk shall mail a copy of this Order to counsel of record in each of the subsequently-filed actions.

V. NEWLY-FILED OR TRANSFERRED ACTIONS

When a case that arises out of the same operative facts and is brought against the same defendants as these Actions is hereinafter filed in or transferred to this Court, it shall be consolidated with the Actions as provided in Section I above and the Clerk of this Court shall:

- (a) File a copy of this Order in the separate file for such action;
- (b) Mail a copy of this Order to the attorney(s) for the plaintiff(s) in the newly-filed or transferred case and to any new defendant(s) in the newly-filed or transferred case; and
- (c) Make the appropriate entry in the Master Docket.

This Court requests the assistance of counsel in calling to the attention of the Clerk of this Court the filing or transfer of any case that might properly be consolidated as part of this litigation.

VI. APPLICATION OF THIS ORDER TO SUBSEQUENT CASES

This Order shall apply to each class action assigned to the undersigned alleging claims similar to those set forth in these actions and brought on behalf of all investors in the mutual fund shares of Eaton Vance Funds. This Order shall apply to each such case which is subsequently filed in or transferred to this Court, and which is assigned to the undersigned, unless a party objecting to the consolidation of that case or to any other provision of this Order serves an application for relief from this Order or from any of its provisions within ten (10) days after the date on which the Clerk mails a copy of this Order to the counsel of that party. The provisions of this Order shall apply to such action pending the Court's ruling on the application.

Unless a plaintiff in a subsequently-filed or transferred case is permitted by the Court to use a separate complaint, defendants shall not be required to answer, plead, or otherwise move with respect to that complaint.

VII. SCOPE OF ORDER

The terms of this Order shall not have the effect of making any person, firm, or entity a party to any action in which he, she, or it has not been named, served, or added as such in accordance with the Federal Rules of Procedure. The terms of this Order and the consolidation ordered herein shall not constitute a waiver by any party of any claims in or defenses to any action. This Order is without prejudice to any position that defendants wish to assert with respect to the issues of Lead Counsel or Lead Plaintiffs.

VIII. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF PROCEEDINGS

The parties agree and stipulate, subject to the Court's approval, to the following schedule:

(a) Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel shall file a first amended complaint within thirty (30) days of the date of the entry of an Order appointing Lead Counsel, unless otherwise agreed by the parties and so ordered by the Court. Pending filing and service of the first amended complaint, defendants shall have no obligation to move, answer or otherwise respond to any of the complaints in any actions subsequently consolidated with it.

(b) Within thirty (30) days following service of the first amended complaint, defense counsel will outline their objections to such complaint in a letter to plaintiffs' counsel. Should the Court or either plaintiffs or defendants so request, the letter will be accompanied by a conference with the Court. Within thirty (30) days following service of such letter, Lead Counsel will either file a second amended complaint in which event the defendants' opposition motions will be directed to the second amended complaint, or advise defendants' counsel that it stands on the first amended complaint in which event the defendants' opposition motions will be directed to the first amended complaint. In the event that plaintiffs do not file a second amended complaint, defendants' opposition motions shall be served within thirty (30) days after service of such written notice by plaintiffs that they intend to stand on their first amended complaint.

(c) In the event any of the defendants files a motion, answer or other response directed at the second amended complaint, the defendants shall serve their motion, answer or response, and brief in support thereof, within thirty (30) days after service of such second amended complaint.

(d) In the event any of the defendants files a motion, answer or other response directed at the first or second amended complaint, the Lead Counsel shall file any opposition to such motion within thirty (30) days of service of such motion and defendants shall file their reply to such opposition within thirty (30) days of service of the opposition filed by Lead Counsel.

(e) The parties will further confer and propose to the Court a mutually agreeable schedule for briefing on issues related to class certification.

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